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WASHINGTON, July 9, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 4 totaled an estimated 16.2 billion ton-miles, 15.3 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Independence Day holiday and part of the coal miners' vacation period.

Cumulative volume for the first 27 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 462.0 billion ton-miles, up 3.0 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 4 totaled 347,620, up 19.9 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 16.4 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 27.5 percent in the East and 13.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 19 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 8,202 cars (38.3 percent), and coal increased by 11,963 cars (17.2 percent). Eighteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 27 totaled 103,914 trailers and/or containers, 6.1 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 26 weeks of the year was 2,510,148 trailers and/or containers, up 3.3 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/04/87:

	Loadings in Week ended July 4, 1987			Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	29,620	I		8,202	38.3	D	5,068	14.6	
Other farm products	4,133	I		589	16.6	D	248	5.7	
Metallic ores	17,630	I		746	4.4	I	1,595	9.9	
Coal	81,376	I		11,963	17.2	D	35,804	30.6	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,784	I		3,704	36.7	D	2,615	15.9	
Nonmetallic minerals	8,198	I		1,167	16.6	D	1,834	18.3	
Grain mill products	9,324	I		280	3.1	D	1,501	13.9	
Food and kindred products	9,685	I		426	4.6	D	976	9.2	
Primary forest products	9,311	I		2,853	44.2	D	1,319	12.4	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,448	I		1,819	32.3	D	1,804	19.5	
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,981	I		691	6.1	D	1,028	7.9	
Chemicals and allied products	23,693	I		4,376	22.7	D	2,010	7.8	
Petroleum products	4,448	I		564	14.5	D	534	10.7	
Stone, clay and glass products	9,988	I		1,889	23.3	D	644	6.1	
Coke	5,074	I		1,657	48.5	D	502	9.0	
Metals and products	9,004	I		1,663	22.7	I	276	3.2	
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,736	D		966	7.1	D	5,091	28.6	
Waste and scrap materials	7,065	I		1,353	23.7	D	1,242	15.0	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,924	I		254	9.5	I	34	1.2	
All other carloads	70,115	I		14,526	26.1	D	7,819	10.0	
LCL traffic	83	D		27	24.5	D	23	21.7	
Total Cars Loaded	347,620	I		57,729	19.9	D	68,157	16.4	
Corresponding week of 1986	289,891								
	<u>1987</u>			<u>1986</u>			<u>% Change</u>		
Total Cars Loaded (27 weeks)	10,378,541			10,119,150			I 2.6		
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):									
26 Weeks ended June 27	445.8			434.5			I 2.6		
Week ended July 4	<u>16.2</u>			<u>14.0</u>			<u>I 15.3</u>		
27 Weeks cumulative	462.0			448.6			I 3.0		

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